

HAPPENINGS IN ILLINOIS CITIES AND TOWNS

POWER PLANT IS AGAIN IN TRIM.

Force of Men Make Repairs Promptly After Fire Is Extinguished on East Side.

By herculean efforts, General Manager Haynes and Superintendent Bramlette of the East St. Louis and Suburban Electric Railroad and a gang of several hundred men, cleared the wreckage in the boiler room at the scorching place where the fire started the furnaces before 6 o'clock yesterday morning.

Two hours later all of the machinery in the big power plant which furnishes electric power for 122 miles of electric railways and electric lights for the city of East St. Louis was in operation.

The damage to the plant by the fire of Monday night has not yet been closely estimated. Examinations of the extent of the injuries to the casings surrounding the boilers have been made, and it may be possible that some of the casings will be replaced.

The break in the feed pipe, which was caused by a portion of the steel girder of the roof falling on it, was repaired early yesterday morning.

The work of the fire department in the boiler-house was begun long before the fire was extinguished. A force of men cleared the space around the boilers as fast as they could get to them, and when the fire was finally declared extinguished, the work was put to rest.

The big steam pipes and to start the fire under the boilers again. With the assistance of the St. Louis Transit Company, the cars on the city lines were given sufficient power to take them to the sheds yesterday morning.

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Resides being a native of Japan, Mr. Mae Hu was educated at the University of Tokyo and of Shanghai, China, and later in America. The present conflict was discussed from the standpoint of Christianity in the Orient and its effect upon the Christian world.

Mr. Mae Hu began his lecture with an outline of the conditions of Japan half a century before the foreigners and Christianity were admitted, and traced the growth and development of the country to the beginning of the war with Russia.

The causes of the present war were discussed, and it was shown that most of the date back to the Chinese-Japanese war, and the dissatisfaction of Japan with the return securing from that conflict. The Russian attempts to control the doorway through Korea were also discussed.

"Japan feels," said Mr. Mae Hu, "that her future will not be a satisfactory one unless she is permitted to expand. The expansion of the Christian idea, not far from Japan, but throughout the entire world."

In addition to the lectures to-day before the various schools, a specific program of music and literary numbers was given this evening by the Allen Family Band, Miss Margaret E. Sichter, vocalist, and Miss Margaret E. Sichter, vocalist, and Miss Margaret E. Sichter, vocalist.

Congressman and Mrs. W. A. Rodenburg of St. Louis arrived at Hotel Chautauqua last evening. Congressman Rodenburg has leased the McLean cottage in the city, and will be in the city until September. He will have as his guests Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Smiley of O'Fallon, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. McDavid of Hillsboro, Mo., have opened their cottage for the season. Among the guests at the Hotel Chautauqua are: Mrs. C. F. Wenker and Mr. A. W. Wenker of St. Louis; W. E. Ingham, Mrs. John Armstrong and Mrs. M. Johnson of St. Louis; D. C. L. of Tampa, Fla.; Michael Reibel of Graf, Ill.; and Mrs. Perry O. Landon of Maryville, Mo.

St. Louis Couple Wed at Alton.

Charles Oehmstedt, 42, of St. Louis, and Margaret K. Williams, age 34, both of St. Louis, were granted a marriage license at Alton yesterday by Deputy Clerk Frank A. Bierbaum. After securing the license, the couple went to the residence of Reverend Theodore Oberhelman, finding that gentleman last evening. The couple sought the residence of the Reverend W. F. Itz, pastor of the German M. E. Church, where the ceremony was performed.

Funeral of Ralph Schaefer.

Deputy Coroner C. M. Streeter of Upper Alton, Mo., in an inquest over the body of Ralph Schaefer, the son of Mrs. John Schaefer, who was drowned on Monday afternoon while swimming in the Mississippi river at Alton, Mo., the Illinois Glass Company. The funeral arrangements have not been completed until some relatives from the East arrive.

Alton Notes and Personal.

—R. E. McCracker, agent for the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis Railroad at Alton, went to St. Louis, yesterday to attend the funeral of his nephew, Robert O'Neill, who was drowned at East St. Louis on Saturday night. O'Neill was an operator at the East St. Louis freight station, and formerly worked in the Alton office of the company.

—The Reverend Father F. A. Marks, pastor of the Church of the Holy Ghost at Jerseyville, was the guest of the Reverend Father Joseph McKee, pastor of St. Mary's Church in Alton.

—The degree taken from the Alton Lodge of the Knights of Columbus will go to Litchfield, Ill., on Sunday to confer the third degree on several candidates for the lodge at that place.

—The Illinois Terminal Railroad resumed operation yesterday after a stop, caused by the washing out of a bridge at Cahokia Creek.

—R. H. Knight, chief at Hotel Madison, Alton, went to East St. Louis yesterday to attend a meeting of the State Lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

—The Alton Blues will play the Leacocks of St. Louis at sportsman's park, Alton, on Sunday afternoon.

—The members of the Unity Club at Alton gave a dance last evening at Rock Springs Park.

—M. D. Schaaf, trainmaster of the Chicago, Peoria and St. Louis Railroad, was a visitor yesterday in Alton.

—The Ladies Aid Society of the First M. E. Church in Upper Alton, Mo., gave a lemon party on Friday evening on the church lawn.

—Prof. and Mrs. C. W. Childs of San Jose, Cal., are the guests of the Reverend Doctor and Mrs. D. E. Bunnell in Alton.

—Prof. and Mrs. Charles F. Hummert of Danville, Ill., are visitors in Alton. Mr. Hummert was formerly City Clerk of Alton.

—Charles Harty of Upper Alton has gone to Gillespie, Ill.

—Fred Achenbach of Rockbridge, Ill., was a visitor in Alton yesterday.

—F. M. Cox of Upper Alton has returned from Hot Springs, Ark.

—Clayton Gross of Merritt, Ill., is a visitor in Alton.

—Charles Brooks has returned to Winona, Ill., after visiting in Upper Alton.

—F. Koller of North Alton has gone to Denver, Colo.

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